

Happy Birthday, Scouts
 For those who are about to throw in the sponge and join the cynics who see little hope for the future, the week of March 12 to 18 may come as a reminder that youth, hope, and high ideals are ever-present. These seven March days are officially designated as Girl Scout Week. The theme of the Girl Scouts' 55th birthday is: "Values to Hold—Worlds to Explore." The values are still those instilled by the founder of the Girl Scouts, Juliette Gordon Low. The young ladies of the Scouts now, as then, represent the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service. The worlds they explore involve the home, community, nation, other cultures, and other lands.

In this day when skepticism and materialism are rampant and many young people are rebelling against restraint of any kind, the importance of such organizations as the Girl Scouts takes on a new meaning. The three million Girl Scouts represent a mighty force among American youth—a constructive force that may come up with some meaningful answers to today's problems for all young people.

The Girl Scouts and Girl Scout Week deserve the unqualified endorsement and support of every adult U.S. citizen.

OTHERS SAY
A Cracked Record

News stories of late carried accounts of a near breakdown in the U.S. postal service. Several months ago in an attempt to help alleviate the problem of chronic postal deficits, Congress authorized an increase by progressive stages in the size and weight of packages carried by parcel post. The theory is that permitting parcel post to take over some of the business of the investor-owned express companies will help trim chronic postal deficits. In the past, this same theory has been applied with dismal results.

Recent announcements that the change in parcel post weight and size limitations is the opening of a new era of improved service may sound like a cracked record to those with long memories. Back in 1931, size and weight limits were boosted to eliminate a \$15 million annual parcel post deficit. Then, as now, it was forecast that the move would greatly expand the usefulness of parcel post. By 1931, the deficit was \$131 million.

More government competition with the express companies which are a vital part of the overall transportation system is not the way to improve postal service. On the contrary, shippers may be thankful that the express companies are still around. At a time when the country seems to be facing a crisis in general postal service, the common carriers of express are working harder than ever to provide the best service. During recent years, they have simplified rate procedures, introduced containerization and provide a service that has brought unprecedented benefits and conveniences to shippers.

It is time to look with new appreciation on the taxpayer, regulated private carriers of express whose existence depends upon service and efficiency at competitive prices.—*Industrial News Review*

A Proposal for CIA

In defense of the Central Intelligence Agency's under-the-table subsidization of the National Student Association and other far left organizations, 12 former presidents of the NSA have avowed that despite CIA funding, their organization never wavered from its open attacks on government policies in many fields. A similar defense has been made by Socialist Norman Thomas, chairman of the now-defunct Institute for International Labor Research, another beneficiary of CIA largesse. The Institute, Thomas pointed out, often opposed U. S. Government policy—especially our Dominican Republic intervention.

All of which has prompted the conservative Young Americans for Freedom to make the most refreshing suggestion in the whole sorry affair. The YAF would be happy, its Montana chapter has declared, to have the same handout given the "left wing rival student organization," NSA, and would promise in return to "step up its opposition to the government's action in Rhodesia, trade with Communists, the consular treaty and the 'no win' policy in Vietnam."

Somehow, we fear the YAF doesn't stand much of a chance.—*California Feature Service*

There is a gimmick to everything the government does, it seems. Now it develops that if we don't deny our citizens use of billboards, we won't get our share of that particular chunk of money that we sent down to Washington. More and more we are beginning to realize that doing things at the local level is cheaper because it's a lot less wasteful and there are fewer hands in the kitty.—*Faulkton (S.D.) Record*

Morning Report:

It must be that Red China has the most stable government in the world. If it is still governing. Just imagine what would happen in the United States if up to two-thirds of the top officials of the Federal government had suddenly been convicted of treason. And in the same couple of months, half or more of the state governors had been sacked. Also mayors wholesale had been fired. Meanwhile Army units were firing at each other and at the general populace. And the whole mess was being organized by a half-paralyzed old President, perhaps slightly balmy, and his youngish wife, a former B-movie actress.

How does China get away with it?
Abe Mellinkoff

You Might Prejudice The Defendant's Case



HERB CAEN SAYS:
Here Is In Odd Duck
A 'Quackus Liberalis'

Prof. Arthur Schlesinger Jr. is an odd duck (quackus liberalis). There's no doubt he's on the side of the angels, as well as the angles, but he exudes that air of bloodless superiority, bordering on smugness, that so many non-academics find irritating.

The other day, under the auspices of SANE, he spoke to a private, eminently sane gathering in a lavish penthouse on Russian Hill, its glass-walled living room two stories high. "Only the liberal Democratic organizations," he said, "could initiate 'the reasonable discussions' that would lead to peace in Vietnam."

It was hard to concentrate on Dr. Schlesinger's sweet reasonableness, his clichés of withdrawal neatly canceling out the clichés of escalation. The view was too overwhelming, the setting too fabulous. I kept glancing out the windows at the magenta streaks in the gray over the Golden Gate; Tamalpais, in one of its more Oriental moods, loomed out of the mist.

Dr. Schlesinger grew more exercised about "the pop-Maoists" of the New Left than the excess of the Administration. "They have this conspiracy theory," he said with some heat. "They think the world is dominated by a group of evil and ruthlessly intelligent men. As any student of history knows, the only conspiracy is one of stupidity." The war in Vietnam, he extrapolated, is only "a series of in-

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advertences — each step must have seemed right and logical at the time it was taken," and it has taken a long time to recognize the stupidity.

As his highball glass grew warm on the table alongside his chair, he equated Mario Savio with Dean Rusk and John Foster Dulles, in that they all have "this conspiratorial theory." He went on: "As recently as 1965, Dean Rusk was talking about 'the Sino-Soviet bloc' when any five-year-old knew that there no longer was such a thing." Whether this makes Dean Rusk an evil, conspiratorial four-year-old or merely a stupid four-year-old, he did not say. Anyway, Savio is in doubtful company.

We Quote...

What was given initially as a benefit only for those unfortunate enough to be ill has become regarded as an absolute right. — California Taxpayers' Association on civil service sick leave.

We all would like to see a world without war, but we shouldn't forget the old adage about keeping our powder dry. — Rep Craig Hosmer (R-Long Beach)

American women are strong and are finding ways to combine a career and a family so that they will have something left after the children are gone. — Helen Sandburg, daughter of noted poet.

Students who have time to mount protests and mock hangings have time to take part-time jobs. — William Patterson, D.D.S., Gilroy.

Those are plans that I'll have to make when I see whether it's safe to leave the state house here, even in the midst of a campaign. With some of the fun and games that are going on upstairs, the governor has to think twice before he even goes out to lunch. — Governor Reagan when asked if he would campaign for Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel.

Other animals respond to the future, but it is man who lives consciously and continuously with his eyes on the future, and who accordingly lives as a decision making animal. — H. Bruce Franklin, Stanford prof.

Many in the world still don't understand your intentions in Vietnam. You must first make them clear; you would then enjoy the support of world public opinion. — Dr. Dapen Liang, Nanyano University, Singapore, in San Francisco speech.

AFFAIRS OF STATE

Reagan Finds You Can't Beat the Establishment

By HENRY C. MacARTHUR
 Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO — The facts of life have caught up with Governor Ronald Reagan rather soon. With only two months of office behind him, he's found he can't beat the Establishment. Under the stimulus of just a mild spanking, the Establishment recoiled with the fury of a stallion denied its oats, and charged into the field of taxpayer hay to strip clean the remaining meager stalks from the public pocket.

Gordon Smith, the governor's director of finance, says the inevitable tax bite, in new or increased taxes this year, will amount to some \$865 million. Phil Battaglia, Reagan's top secretary, says this may be wrong.

Smith, appearing before the assembly ways and means committee, admitted the governor's proposed 10 per cent cut in state expenditures couldn't be met. Battaglia, at a subsequent press conference, says the administration is still working on it.

It is the vast complex of education, with its administrators, professors, teachers, classified employes, non-sentential courses, and monumental buildings used only 75 per cent of the year.

It is the welfare program, dishing out taxpayers dollars to people who could earn a living, but prefer the more enjoyable way of living without toll, both on state aid and unemployment insurance.

It is the formidable army of do-gooders, which insists on the outlay of millions for projects taxpayers no longer can afford.

In short, it is government itself, an army dedicated to mulcting the citizen out of every thirty-cent dollar possible, to maintain and increase its empire in the style to which its bureaucracy is accustomed.

The style gets fancier as the citizen gets poorer. Small wonder then, that a citizen backed up with a million vote majority, comes to Sacramento as governor for a frontal attack on the Establishment, and suffers major set-backs in the battle before it's hardly begun.

It took the Establishment a good many years to entrench itself with the protective armor of civil service, teacher's tenure, liberal retirements, workmen's compensation, long vacations, extra holidays, magnificent expense accounts, and all the other advantages of working for the government. And apparently, it will take a lot longer, much more than a million majority, and the will of the people to break it up.

As Governor Reagan said some weeks ago, "I think, we have gone to the fiscal well once too often in California, and that well has run dry."

And now he's finding there's only one way to prime the pump, which is to put an additional \$865 million bite on the taxpayer, who eventually is destined to see his well run dry too, without the possibility of priming the pump.

ROYCE BRIER

Best Brains Are Wasted
When Freedom Is Missing

The ancients produced men of surpassing genius in almost all human endeavor, except technology.

The reason for this is too complex for brief comment, even if one could intelligently expound it. The fact is that the technological, and so material, life of civilized men hardly changed for 4,000 years after the Egyptian beginnings.

A fellow named Heron of Alexandria invented a steam engine at the beginning of the Christian era, but it was a toy. Neither the Greeks nor the practical Romans improved the simple machines of their time. They weren't interested in what we call progress.

If you say the Western civilization is going on 600 years of age, then it is noteworthy that in its first century its extraordinary men began to develop an interest in technology.

The foremost man in that domain is Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519). It is one of the great clichés that Leonardo, in his own thought, was far ahead of his time.

Just recently some scholars announced discovery of 700 pages of Leonardo's technical drawings and notes in the National Library of Spain, forgotten for two centuries. These will add about 14 per cent to the 5,000 pages of Leonardo's drawings and notes now known and catalogued.

The writing is mirror-type which Leonardo, left-handed, habitually used. The inventions claimed include a chain drive, a bomb, and a flour mill. The question is, why did Leonardo not announce his inventions as inventions?

The mirror-image writing was indeed a naive concealment, but fairly effective.

WILLIAM HOGAN

Bertrand Russell Frank
About His Ideas, Women

The London Observer recently reported on Bertrand Russell's autobiography which is being published in England this month and is due for American publication later in the year. In it the 94-year-old philosopher and pacifist frankly discusses the ideas and the women that have shaped his life. The Observer reported that those who have read the manuscript rank it with the autobiographies of Lord Russell's fellow philosophers, Jean Jacques Rousseau and John Stuart Mill.

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In general I am occupied with things to do with international relations and with the prevention of war especially. But I have to live a quiet life now so as to get my writing done.

His religious and political spectrum? "Sometimes I call myself an agnostic and sometimes an atheist. If I am talking with pious people I generally call myself an atheist. . . . Since the Labor party turned Tory I have no political party." Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, he says, is the only active politician he is in touch with at the moment. They exchange letters.

"I think on the whole my views are fairly conventional. I want to prevent another World War. I don't like dictatorships; I don't like the Belgians in the Congo, and I loathed Hitler. The Chinese appear at the moment to have gone mad. I thought very well of Mao. But it is obvious he has been over-ruled."

Lord Russell thinks the most important problem at the moment is America. "Their policy is disastrous but I hope very much of it will change. Russia's policy at the moment is good, I think."

In his technical work, he had not achieved what he had hoped because it was unachievable. "I had a false ideal of deducing all mathematics from logic. I did what I could and then abandoned it for international affairs. There was a danger that the human race might be liquidated. That would be a pity, I thought."

As the reporter left, Russell pointed across the estuary to the house where the poet Shelley had once lived. "He was so radical. The landowners threatened to shoot him and he had to leave." Had anyone taken pot shots at Lord Russell? "No, they just put me in prison. Perhaps it's better that way."

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